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8. "Forerunners, Congeners, and Derivatives of the Eustace Legend." By Mr. Gordon Hall Gerould, of Bryn Mawr College. In the absence of the author, the paper was read by Mr. C. M. Hathaway, Jr. [See *Publications*, XIX, 3.]

[An examination of the romantic stories *Guillaume d'Engleterre*, *Die Gute Frau*, *Wilhelm von Wenden*, *Cavaliero Cifar*, *Sir Ysumbras* the *Placidus* of the English *Gesta Romanorum*, and *Der Graf von Savoien* proves that, contrary to Ogden's thesis, all are derivatives of the St. Eustace legend. In the course of the investigation the relations of the legend to a large number of similar Oriental and Occidental stories was discussed. The paper was an attempt to show that the ecclesiastical influence upon mediæval fiction was greater than is generally believed.—A twenty-minute abstract.]

THIRD SESSION, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

This session, which was devoted entirely to business, began at 2.25 p. m.

On behalf of the Executive Council, the Secretary submitted the following report of a new constitution, which was taken up and discussed section by section :

CONSTITUTION OF THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

I.

The name of this Society shall be THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

II.

1. The object of this Association shall be the advancement of the study of the Modern Languages and their Literatures, through the publication of the results of investigations by members, and through the presentation and discussion of papers at an annual meeting.

2. The meeting of the Association shall be held at such place and time as the Executive Council shall from year to year determine. But at least as often as once in five years there shall be held a Union Meeting, for which some central point in the interior of the country shall be chosen.

III.

Any person whose candidacy has been approved by the Secretary and Treasurer may become a member on the payment of three dollars, and may

continue a member by the payment of the same amount each year. Any member, or any person eligible to membership, may become a life member by a single payment of forty dollars or by the payment of fifteen dollars a year for three successive years. Distinguished foreign scholars may be elected to honorary membership by the Executive Council.

IV.

1. The officers of this Association shall be : a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and nine members, who shall together constitute the Executive Council ; and an Editorial Committee of not less than three nor more than five, of which the Secretary shall be Chairman.

2. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall be elected annually by the Association.

3. The other officers shall be elected by the Association at a Union Meeting, to hold office until the next Union Meeting. Vacancies occurring between two Union Meetings shall be filled by the Executive Council.

V.

1. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall perform the usual duties of such officers. The Secretary shall, furthermore, have charge of the Publications of the Association and the preparation of the program of the annual meeting.

2. The Executive Council shall perform the duties assigned to it in Articles II, III, IV, VII, and VIII ; it shall, moreover, determine such questions of policy as may be referred to it by the Association and such as may arise in the course of the year and call for immediate decision.

3. The Editorial Committee shall render such assistance as the Secretary may need in editing the Publications of the Association and preparing the annual program.

VI.

1. The Association may, to further investigation in any special branch of Modern Language study, create a Section devoted to that end.

2. The officers of a Section shall be a Chairman and a Secretary, elected annually by the Association. They shall form a standing committee of the Association, and may add to their number any other members interested in the same subject.

VII.

1. When, for geographical reasons, the members from any group of States shall find it expedient to hold a separate annual meeting, the Executive Council, may, at its discretion, authorize these members to form a Division, with power to call a meeting at such place and time as the members of the Division shall select ; but no Division meeting shall be held

during the year in which the Association holds a Union Meeting. The expense of Division meetings shall be borne by the Association.

2. The members of a Division shall pay their dues to the Treasurer of the Association, and shall enjoy the same rights and privileges and be subject to the same conditions as other members of the Association.

3. The officers of a Division shall be a Chairman and a Secretary, elected for one year or for two years by the members of the Division. The Division shall, moreover, have power to create such committees as may be needed for its own business. The program of the Division meeting shall be prepared by the Secretary of the Division in consultation with the Secretary of the Association.

VIII.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any Union Meeting, provided the proposed amendment has received the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Council.

Article I was approved.

On motion of Professor W. H. Carruth, Article II was amended, in paragraph 1, by the insertion, after "Literatures," of "through the promotion of friendly relations among scholars;" in paragraph 2, by the substitution of "four" for "five." The Article was then approved.

The last words of Article III were amended to read "by the Association on nomination by the Executive Council." The Article was then approved.

On motion of Professor Mott, Article IV was amended to read as follows :

1. The officers and governing boards of the Association shall be : a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer ; an Executive Council consisting of these six officers, the Chairmen of the several Divisions, and seven other members ; and an Editorial Committee consisting of the Secretary of the Association (who shall be Chairman *ex officio*), the Secretaries of the several Divisions, and two other members.

2. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the Association, to hold office for one year.

3. The Chairmen and Secretaries of Divisions shall be chosen by the respective Divisions.

4. The other officers shall be elected by the Association at a Union Meeting, to hold office until the next Union Meeting. Vacancies occurring between two Union Meetings shall be filled by the Executive Council.

The Article, thus amended, was approved.

Articles V and VI were approved without amendment.

Article VII, paragraph 1, was amended, on motion of Professor W. H. Carruth, by the substitution of "arrange with" for "at its discretion, authorize"; on motion of the Secretary, by the addition of "The total number of Divisions shall not at any time exceed three"; on motion of Professor J. T. Hatfield, by the addition of "The present Division is hereby continued." In the third paragraph, on motion of the Secretary, the clause "elected for one year or for two years by the members of the Division" was stricken out. The Article was then approved.

Article VIII was approved without amendment.

The Association then voted unanimously to adopt the new constitution, as amended and approved. [See p. liv.]

Professor E. H. Magill presented the report of the Committee on International Correspondence :

By the change of the Committee, made at the Annual Meeting held last year at the Johns Hopkins University, the work of the Committee has been greatly facilitated. The correspondence has been between students in our own country, and those in France and Germany. In Italian and Spanish there has been little or no correspondence, and regular bureaus are not fully established, either in Italy or Spain. There has been considerable inquiry for Spanish correspondents especially, but we have not been able to secure the correspondents that have been called for in these two languages. The effort to establish such bureaus will be continued the coming year, if such is the desire of the Association, and, we hope, with better results.

In the French and German Departments, the exchange of letters has been as follows :

276 students and others have been put in communication with the same number of students in France. No charge has been made to foreign students, and the amount of fees paid by our own students has been \$64.51.

273 students and others have been put in communication with the same number of students in Germany, and the amount received, from our own students only, has been \$68.25.

Thus it will be seen that 549 students in France and Germany, have been placed in communication with that number in this country in the 11 months, ending November 30th of the present year ; and that 1098 students, on both